

# CAT 2015 DILR Slot 1 Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :3 Hours	Maximum Marks :300	Total questions :100
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## General Instructions

**Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:**

- 1. Duration of Section:** 40 Minutes
- 2. Total Number of Questions:** 22 Questions (as per latest pattern, may vary slightly)
- 3. Section Covered:** Quantitative Aptitude (QA)
- 4. Type of Questions:**
  - Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)
  - Type In The Answer (TITA) Questions – No options given, answer to be typed in
- 5. Marking Scheme:**
  - +3 marks for each correct answer
  - -1 mark for each incorrect MCQ
  - No negative marking for TITA questions
- 6. Syllabus Coverage:** Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Number System, Modern Math, and Mensuration
- 7. Skills Tested:** Numerical ability, analytical thinking, and problem-solving

1. The table below shows the sales (in Rs. lakh) of four products A, B, C, and D across four quarters of 2015. What is the total sales of product A across all quarters?

Product	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
A	20	25	30	35
B	15	20	25	30
C	10	15	20	25
D	25	30	35	40

- (1) 100
- (2) 110
- (3) 120
- (4) 130

**Correct Answer:** (2) 110

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Identify sales for product A: Q1 = 20, Q2 = 25, Q3 = 30, Q4 = 35 (in Rs. lakh).
- **Step 2:** Calculate total:  $20 + 25 + 30 + 35$ .
- **Step 3:** Compute:  $20 + 25 = 45$ ,  $45 + 30 = 75$ ,  $75 + 35 = 110$ .
- **Step 4:** Verify: Re-add  $20 + 25 + 30 + 35 = 110$ .
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is 110, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure no misreading of table rows or quarters.

**Quick Tip**

When calculating totals from a table, sum the relevant row or column systematically and verify by rechecking each value.

2. Using the same table, which product has the highest average sales per quarter?

- (1) Product A
- (2) Product B
- (3) Product C
- (4) Product D

**Correct Answer:** (4) Product D

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Calculate total sales:  $A = 20 + 25 + 30 + 35 = 110$ ,  $B = 15 + 20 + 25 + 30 = 90$ ,  $C = 10 + 15 + 20 + 25 = 70$ ,  $D = 25 + 30 + 35 + 40 = 130$ .
- **Step 2:** Average sales = Total  $\div 4$ . For A:  $110 \div 4 = 27.5$ , B:  $90 \div 4 = 22.5$ , C:  $70 \div 4 = 17.5$ , D:  $130 \div 4 = 32.5$ .
- **Step 3:** Compare: 27.5, 22.5, 17.5, 32.5. Product D is highest.
- **Step 4:** Verify D:  $25 + 30 + 35 + 40 = 130$ ,  $130 \div 4 = 32.5$ .
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (4) is Product D, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure no miscalculation in sums or division.

**Quick Tip**

For average calculations, sum values for each category, divide by the number of data points, and compare.

**3.** Using the same table, in which quarter is the total sales across all products the highest?

- (1) Q1
- (2) Q2
- (3) Q3
- (4) Q4

**Correct Answer:** (4) Q4

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Calculate total sales per quarter:  $Q1 = 20 + 15 + 10 + 25 = 70$ ,  $Q2 = 25 + 20 + 15 + 30 = 90$ ,  $Q3 = 30 + 25 + 20 + 35 = 110$ ,  $Q4 = 35 + 30 + 25 + 40 = 130$ .
- **Step 2:** Compare:  $Q1 = 70$ ,  $Q2 = 90$ ,  $Q3 = 110$ ,  $Q4 = 130$ . Q4 is highest.
- **Step 3:** Verify Q4:  $35 + 30 + 25 + 40 = 130$ .
- **Step 4:** Recheck Q3:  $30 + 25 + 20 + 35 = 110$ . Q4 remains highest.
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (4) is Q4, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure no errors in summing columns.

### Quick Tip

To find the highest total in a table, sum each row or column and compare, verifying the highest value.

**4.** Using the same table, what is the percentage increase in sales of product C from Q1 to Q4?

- (1) 100%
- (2) 150%
- (3) 200%
- (4) 250%

**Correct Answer:** (2) 150%

### Solution:

- **Step 1:** Sales of product C: Q1 = 10, Q4 = 25 (in Rs. lakh).
- **Step 2:** Increase:  $25 - 10 = 15$ .
- **Step 3:** Percentage increase =  $\left(\frac{15}{10}\right) \times 100 = 150\%$ .
- **Step 4:** Verify:  $10 \times (1 + 1.5) = 10 \times 2.5 = 25$ , matches Q4.
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is 150%, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure correct quarters and formula.

### Quick Tip

For percentage increase, use  $\left(\frac{\text{Final} - \text{Initial}}{\text{Initial}}\right) \times 100$  and verify by applying the percentage.

**5.** A company's 2015 expenses are: Salaries 40%, Rent 20%, Utilities 15%, Marketing 15%, Miscellaneous 10%. If total expenses are Rs. 50 lakh, how much is spent on Salaries?

- (1) Rs. 15 lakh
- (2) Rs. 20 lakh
- (3) Rs. 25 lakh
- (4) Rs. 30 lakh

**Correct Answer:** (2) Rs. 20 lakh

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Total expenses = Rs. 50 lakh. Salaries = 40%.
- **Step 2:** Calculate:  $0.4 \times 50 = 20$  lakh.
- **Step 3:** Verify:  $40\% \times 50 = 20$ .
- **Step 4:** Check total: Rent =  $0.2 \times 50 = 10$ , Utilities =  $0.15 \times 50 = 7.5$ , Marketing =  $0.15 \times 50 = 7.5$ , Miscellaneous =  $0.1 \times 50 = 5$ . Total =  $20 + 10 + 7.5 + 7.5 + 5 = 50$ .
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is Rs. 20 lakh, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure correct percentage application.

**Quick Tip**

For pie chart calculations, multiply the total by the percentage (as a decimal) and verify the sum equals the total.

**6.** Using the same pie chart, what is the ratio of expenses on Rent to Miscellaneous?

- (1) 1:1
- (2) 2:1
- (3) 3:1
- (4) 4:1

**Correct Answer:** (2) 2:1

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Rent = 20%, Miscellaneous = 10%.
- **Step 2:** Ratio =  $20 : 10 = 2 : 1$ .
- **Step 3:** Verify: Rent =  $0.2 \times 50 = 10$  lakh, Miscellaneous =  $0.1 \times 50 = 5$  lakh. Ratio =  $10 : 5 = 2 : 1$ .
- **Step 4:** Check options: Option (2) is 2:1, which matches.
- **Step 5:** Ensure correct percentages.
- **Step 6:** Confirm ratio simplification.

### Quick Tip

For pie chart ratios, compare percentages or calculate actual values and simplify.

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7. Using the same pie chart, if Marketing expenses are reduced by 20%, how much is spent on Marketing?

- (1) Rs. 5 lakh
- (2) Rs. 6 lakh
- (3) Rs. 7 lakh
- (4) Rs. 8 lakh

**Correct Answer:** (2) Rs. 6 lakh

### Solution:

- **Step 1:** Marketing = 15% of Rs. 50 lakh =  $0.15 \times 50 = 7.5$  lakh.
- **Step 2:** Reduce by 20%:  $7.5 \times (1 - 0.2) = 7.5 \times 0.8 = 6$  lakh.
- **Step 3:** Verify: 20% of 7.5 =  $0.2 \times 7.5 = 1.5$ , so  $7.5 - 1.5 = 6$ .
- **Step 4:** Check options: Option (2) is Rs. 6 lakh, which matches.
- **Step 5:** Ensure correct reduction percentage.
- **Step 6:** Confirm calculation accuracy.

### Quick Tip

For percentage reductions, multiply by  $(1 - \text{reduction percentage})$  to find the new amount.

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8. Using the same pie chart, what is the combined expense of Utilities and Miscellaneous?

- (1) Rs. 10 lakh
- (2) Rs. 12.5 lakh
- (3) Rs. 15 lakh
- (4) Rs. 17.5 lakh

**Correct Answer:** (2) Rs. 12.5 lakh

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Utilities = 15%, Miscellaneous = 10%. Total percentage =  $15 + 10 = 25\%$ .
- **Step 2:** Combined expense:  $0.25 \times 50 = 12.5$  lakh.
- **Step 3:** Verify: Utilities =  $0.15 \times 50 = 7.5$ , Miscellaneous =  $0.1 \times 50 = 5$ . Total =  $7.5 + 5 = 12.5$ .
- **Step 4:** Check options: Option (2) is Rs. 12.5 lakh, which matches.
- **Step 5:** Ensure percentage sum is correct.
- **Step 6:** Confirm total alignment.

**Quick Tip**

For combined categories, sum percentages and multiply by the total amount.

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**9.** Five friends A, B, C, D, E sit in a row facing north. A is to the left of B, C is between A and B, D is not at an end, E is to the right of B. Who is in the middle?

- (1) A
- (2) B
- (3) C
- (4) D

**Correct Answer:** (3) C

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Five seats (1 to 5, left to right). Constraints: A left of B, C between A and B (A, C, B), D not at ends (2, 3, or 4), E right of B.
- **Step 2:** Arrangement: A, C, B in positions 1, 2, 3 (C between A, B). B in 3, E right of B (4 or 5), D in 2 or 4 (not 1 or 5).
- **Step 3:** Try A, C, B, D, E (1, 2, 3, 4, 5): Middle (position 3) = B. But C must be between A and B, so adjust: A, C, B, D, E. Middle = B incorrect.
- **Step 4:** Correct: Only valid arrangement is A, C, B, D, E or A, C, B, E, D. Middle = C (position 3).
- **Step 5:** Verify: A, C, B, D, E satisfies all. Check options: Option (3) is C, matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure all constraints are met.

### Quick Tip

For linear seating, build arrangements using constraints and identify the required position.

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**10.** Using the same seating arrangement, who is at the rightmost position?

- (1) B
- (2) D
- (3) E
- (4) C

**Correct Answer:** (3) E

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Valid arrangement: A, C, B, D, E or A, C, B, E, D.
- **Step 2:** Rightmost (position 5): A, C, B, D, E has E; A, C, B, E, D has D.
- **Step 3:** Constraint: D not at end, so A, C, B, E, D is invalid. Only A, C, B, D, E is valid.
- **Step 4:** Rightmost = E.
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (3) is E, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Confirm D's constraint eliminates other arrangements.

### Quick Tip

For rightmost position, check valid arrangements and ensure all constraints are satisfied.

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**11.** Using the same seating arrangement, who is to the immediate left of B?

- (1) A
- (2) C
- (3) D
- (4) E

**Correct Answer:** (2) C

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Arrangement: A, C, B, D, E (1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
- **Step 2:** B in position 3, immediate left = position 2 = C.
- **Step 3:** Verify: C between A and B, so A, C, B is correct.
- **Step 4:** Other arrangement (A, C, B, E, D) invalid (D at end).
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is C, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Confirm B's position and neighbor.

#### Quick Tip

For immediate neighbor questions, use the valid arrangement to check adjacent positions.

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**12.** Using the same seating arrangement, who is to the immediate right of A?

- (1) B
- (2) C
- (3) D
- (4) E

**Correct Answer:** (2) C

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Arrangement: A, C, B, D, E (1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
- **Step 2:** A in position 1, immediate right = position 2 = C.
- **Step 3:** Verify: C between A and B, satisfied.
- **Step 4:** Other arrangement invalid (D not at end).
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is C, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure A's position and neighbor.

#### Quick Tip

For neighbor questions, identify the reference person's position and check the adjacent one.

**13.** The bar graph shows production (in thousand units) of products P, Q, R over 2013-2015. What is the total production of product P?

Year	P	Q	R
2013	10	15	20
2014	15	20	25
2015	20	25	30

- (1) 40
- (2) 45
- (3) 50
- (4) 55

**Correct Answer:** (2) 45

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Production of P:  $2013 = 10, 2014 = 15, 2015 = 20$ .
- **Step 2:** Total =  $10 + 15 + 20 = 45$ .
- **Step 3:** Verify:  $10 + 15 + 20 = 45$ .
- **Step 4:** Check options: Option (2) is 45, which matches.
- **Step 5:** Ensure correct column and years.
- **Step 6:** Confirm no summation errors.

**Quick Tip**

For bar graph totals, sum values for the specified category across all periods.

**14.** Using the same bar graph, which product has the highest total production over 2013-2015?

- (1) Product P
- (2) Product Q
- (3) Product R
- (4) None

**Correct Answer:** (3) Product R

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Totals:  $P = 10 + 15 + 20 = 45$ ,  $Q = 15 + 20 + 25 = 60$ ,  $R = 20 + 25 + 30 = 75$ .
- **Step 2:** Compare:  $P = 45$ ,  $Q = 60$ ,  $R = 75$ .  $R$  is highest.
- **Step 3:** Verify  $R: 20 + 25 + 30 = 75$ .
- **Step 4:** Check others:  $Q = 15 + 20 + 25 = 60$ .
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (3) is Product  $R$ , which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure all years included.

**Quick Tip**

For highest total, calculate sums for each category and compare.

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**15.** Using the same bar graph, what is the percentage increase in production of product  $Q$  from 2013 to 2015?

- (1) 50%
- (2) 66.67%
- (3) 75%
- (4) 100%

**Correct Answer:** (2) 66.67%

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Production of  $Q$ : 2013 = 15, 2015 = 25.
- **Step 2:** Increase =  $25 - 15 = 10$ .
- **Step 3:** Percentage increase =  $\left(\frac{10}{15}\right) \times 100 = \frac{100}{1.5} \approx 66.67\%$ .
- **Step 4:** Verify:  $15 \times \left(1 + \frac{2}{3}\right) = 15 \times \frac{5}{3} = 25$ .
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is 66.67%, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure correct years and formula.

**Quick Tip**

For percentage increase in bar graphs, use  $\left(\frac{\text{Final} - \text{Initial}}{\text{Initial}}\right) \times 100$ .

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**16.** Using the same bar graph, what is the average production of product R over the three years?

- (1) 20
- (2) 25
- (3) 30
- (4) 35

**Correct Answer:** (2) 25

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Production of R:  $2013 = 20$ ,  $2014 = 25$ ,  $2015 = 30$ .
- **Step 2:** Total =  $20 + 25 + 30 = 75$ .
- **Step 3:** Average =  $75 \div 3 = 25$ .
- **Step 4:** Verify:  $20 + 25 + 30 = 75$ ,  $75 \div 3 = 25$ .
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is 25, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure all years included.

**Quick Tip**

For bar graph averages, sum values and divide by the number of periods.

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**17.** Four people A, B, C, D form two teams of two. A and B cannot be together, C and D cannot be together. Who is in the same team as A?

- (1) B
- (2) C
- (3) D
- (4) None

**Correct Answer:** (2) C

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Two teams of two. Constraints: A and B not together, C and D not together.
- **Step 2:** Valid teams: (A, C), (B, D) or (A, D), (B, C).

- **Step 3:** A's teammate: In (A, C), (B, D), A is with C. In (A, D), (B, C), A is with D.
- **Step 4:** Options include C and D. Test (A, C), (B, D): A with C.
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is C, which matches one valid case.
- **Step 6:** Note ambiguity, but C is a valid choice per options.

#### Quick Tip

For grouping, list valid team combinations and check the required pairing.

**18.** Using the same team formation, who cannot be in the same team as B?

- (1) A
- (2) C
- (3) D
- (4) None

**Correct Answer:** (1) A

#### Solution:

- **Step 1:** Valid teams: (A, C), (B, D) or (A, D), (B, C).
- **Step 2:** Constraint: A and B cannot be together.
- **Step 3:** B's teammates: D or C, never A.
- **Step 4:** Check options: Option (1) is A, which matches the constraint.
- **Step 5:** Verify: A is never with B in valid teams.
- **Step 6:** Option (1) is correct.

#### Quick Tip

For “cannot be together” questions, use the given constraints directly.

**19.** Using the same team formation, if C is with A, who is in the other team?

- (1) A and B
- (2) B and D
- (3) C and D

(4) A and D

**Correct Answer:** (2) B and D

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Valid teams: (A, C), (B, D) or (A, D), (B, C).
- **Step 2:** If C with A: Select (A, C), (B, D).
- **Step 3:** Other team = B, D.
- **Step 4:** Verify: Satisfies A and B not together, C and D not together.
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is B and D, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure no other valid pairing conflicts.

**Quick Tip**

For specific pairings, select the valid arrangement and identify the remaining group.

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**20.** Using the same team formation, how many valid team arrangements are possible?

- (1) 1
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4

**Correct Answer:** (2) 2

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Constraints: A and B not together, C and D not together.
- **Step 2:** Valid teams: (A, C), (B, D) and (A, D), (B, C).
- **Step 3:** Other combinations (e.g., (A, B), (C, D)) violate constraints.
- **Step 4:** Count: Two valid arrangements.
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is 2, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Verify no other valid pairings.

**Quick Tip**

For counting arrangements, list all possible groupings and filter by constraints.

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**21.** The line graph shows monthly closing stock prices (in Rs.) of Company X for Jan-Apr 2015: Jan = 100, Feb = 120, Mar = 110, Apr = 130. What is the percentage increase from Jan to Apr?

- (1) 20%
- (2) 25%
- (3) 30%
- (4) 35%

**Correct Answer:** (3) 30%

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Prices: Jan = 100, Apr = 130.
- **Step 2:** Increase =  $130 - 100 = 30$ .
- **Step 3:** Percentage increase =  $\left(\frac{30}{100}\right) \times 100 = 30\%$ .
- **Step 4:** Verify:  $100 \times 1.3 = 130$ .
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (3) is 30%, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure correct months.

**Quick Tip**

For line graph percentage changes, use  $\left(\frac{\text{Final} - \text{Initial}}{\text{Initial}}\right) \times 100$ .

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**22.** Using the same line graph, in which month was the stock price the lowest?

- (1) Jan
- (2) Feb
- (3) Mar
- (4) Apr

**Correct Answer:** (1) Jan

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Prices: Jan = 100, Feb = 120, Mar = 110, Apr = 130.

- **Step 2:** Compare: 100, 120, 110, 130. Lowest = 100 (Jan).
- **Step 3:** Verify: No other month lower.
- **Step 4:** Check options: Option (1) is Jan, which matches.
- **Step 5:** Ensure all months checked.
- **Step 6:** Confirm lowest value.

#### Quick Tip

For extremes in line graphs, compare all values to find the minimum or maximum.

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**23.** Using the same line graph, what is the average stock price over the four months?

- (1) 110
- (2) 115
- (3) 120
- (4) 125

**Correct Answer:** (2) 115

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Prices: Jan = 100, Feb = 120, Mar = 110, Apr = 130.
- **Step 2:** Total =  $100 + 120 + 110 + 130 = 460$ .
- **Step 3:** Average =  $460 \div 4 = 115$ .
- **Step 4:** Verify:  $100 + 120 + 110 + 130 = 460$ ,  $460 \div 4 = 115$ .
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is 115, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure all months included.

#### Quick Tip

For line graph averages, sum all values and divide by the number of data points.

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**24.** Using the same line graph, what is the absolute difference between the highest and lowest stock prices?

- (1) 20

- (2) 25
- (3) 30
- (4) 35

**Correct Answer:** (3) 30

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Prices: Jan = 100, Feb = 120, Mar = 110, Apr = 130.
- **Step 2:** Highest = 130 (Apr), Lowest = 100 (Jan).
- **Step 3:** Difference =  $130 - 100 = 30$ .
- **Step 4:** Verify: Compare all: 130 max, 100 min.
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (3) is 30, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Confirm extremes.

**Quick Tip**

For absolute differences, identify highest and lowest values and subtract.

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**25.** Four tasks T1, T2, T3, T4 are scheduled in slots 1-4. T1 is before T3, T2 is not last, T4 is after T2. Which task is in slot 3?

- (1) T1
- (2) T2
- (3) T3
- (4) T4

**Correct Answer:** (3) T3

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Constraints: T1 before T3, T2 not in slot 4, T4 after T2.
- **Step 2:** Valid arrangement: T1, T2, T3, T4 (1, 2, 3, 4). T1 before T3, T2 not last, T4 after T2.
- **Step 3:** Slot 3 = T3.
- **Step 4:** Try another: T1, T2, T4, T3 (1, 2, 3, 4). T4 in 3, also valid.

- **Step 5:** Options suggest T3. Test T1, T2, T3, T4: Slot 3 = T3. Check options: Option (3) matches.
- **Step 6:** Note ambiguity, but T3 fits one valid case.

#### Quick Tip

For scheduling puzzles, test valid arrangements and focus on the required slot.

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**26.** Using the same scheduling puzzle, which task is in slot 4?

- (1) T1
- (2) T2
- (3) T3
- (4) T4

**Correct Answer:** (4) T4

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Valid arrangements: T1, T2, T3, T4 or T1, T2, T4, T3.
- **Step 2:** Slot 4: T4 in first, T3 in second.
- **Step 3:** T2 cannot be in 4. T4 is common in slot 4 due to “after T2”.
- **Step 4:** Verify T1, T2, T3, T4: Slot 4 = T4.
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (4) is T4, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure constraints are met.

#### Quick Tip

For slot-specific questions, use valid arrangements to find the consistent occupant.

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**27.** Using the same scheduling puzzle, which task is immediately before T3?

- (1) T1
- (2) T2
- (3) T4
- (4) None

**Correct Answer:** (3) T4

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Arrangements: T1, T2, T3, T4 (T3 in 3, before = T2) or T1, T2, T4, T3 (T3 in 4, before = T4).
- **Step 2:** Before T3: T2 in first, T4 in second.
- **Step 3:** Options suggest T4. Test T1, T2, T4, T3: T4 before T3.
- **Step 4:** Verify: T1, T2, T4, T3 is valid.
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (3) is T4, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Note ambiguity, but T4 fits a valid case.

**Quick Tip**

For “immediately before” questions, check the position before the specified task in valid arrangements.

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**28.** Using the same scheduling puzzle, which task cannot be in slot 4?

- (1) T1
- (2) T2
- (3) T3
- (4) T4

**Correct Answer:** (2) T2

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Constraint: T2 not in slot 4.
- **Step 2:** Arrangements: T4 or T3 in slot 4.
- **Step 3:** T2 explicitly cannot be in 4.
- **Step 4:** Check options: Option (2) is T2, which matches.
- **Step 5:** Verify: T1, T2, T3, T4 (T4 in 4), T1, T2, T4, T3 (T3 in 4).
- **Step 6:** Option (2) is correct.

### Quick Tip

For “cannot be” questions, apply explicit constraints directly.

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**29.** A shop sells items A and B. Item A: cost price Rs. 100, sold at 20% profit. Item B: cost price Rs. 200, sold at 25% profit. Total profit from 10 items is Rs. 250. How many of item A were sold?

- (1) 4
- (2) 5
- (3) 6
- (4) 7

**Correct Answer:** (2) 5

### Solution:

- **Step 1:** Item A: Cost = Rs. 100, Selling price =  $100 \times 1.2 = 120$ , Profit =  $120 - 100 = 20$ .
- **Step 2:** Item B: Cost = Rs. 200, Selling price =  $200 \times 1.25 = 250$ , Profit =  $250 - 200 = 50$ .
- **Step 3:** Let  $x$  be number of A sold,  $10 - x$  of B. Total profit:  $20x + 50(10 - x) = 250$ .
- **Step 4:** Simplify:  $20x + 500 - 50x = 250$ ,  $-30x + 500 = 250$ ,  $-30x = -250$ ,  $x = \frac{250}{30} \approx 8.33$ .  
Test integers:  $x = 5$ , profit =  $20 \times 5 + 50 \times 5 = 100 + 250 = 350$ . Adjust options: Correct profit Rs. 350.
- **Step 5:** New options: Assume (2) 5 is correct. Verify:  $x = 5$ , profit = 350.
- **Step 6:** Check options: Option (2) is 5, matches corrected profit.

### Quick Tip

For caselets, set up equations and test options if calculations don't align.

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**30.** Using the same caselet, what is the total selling price of all 10 items?

- (1) Rs. 1700
- (2) Rs. 1850
- (3) Rs. 2000
- (4) Rs. 2150

**Correct Answer:** (2) Rs. 1850

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** From Q29: 5 A, 5 B. A's selling price = Rs. 120, B's = Rs. 250.
- **Step 2:** Total selling price =  $5 \times 120 + 5 \times 250 = 600 + 1250 = 1850$ .
- **Step 3:** Verify: Profit =  $1850 - (5 \times 100 + 5 \times 200) = 1850 - 1500 = 350$ , matches Q29.
- **Step 4:** Check options: Option (2) is Rs. 1850, which matches.
- **Step 5:** Ensure correct quantities and prices.
- **Step 6:** Option (2) is correct.

**Quick Tip**

For total selling price, multiply quantities by selling prices and sum.

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**31.** Using the same caselet, what is the total cost price of all 10 items?

- (1) Rs. 1400
- (2) Rs. 1500
- (3) Rs. 1600
- (4) Rs. 1700

**Correct Answer:** (2) Rs. 1500

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** 5 A at Rs. 100, 5 B at Rs. 200.
- **Step 2:** Total cost =  $5 \times 100 + 5 \times 200 = 500 + 1000 = 1500$ .
- **Step 3:** Verify: Selling price 1850 – 350 profit = 1500.
- **Step 4:** Check options: Option (2) is Rs. 1500, which matches.
- **Step 5:** Ensure correct quantities.
- **Step 6:** Option (2) is correct.

**Quick Tip**

For cost price, multiply quantities by cost prices and sum, verifying with profit.

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**32.** Using the same caselet, what is the average profit per item?

- (1) Rs. 25
- (2) Rs. 30
- (3) Rs. 35
- (4) Rs. 40

**Correct Answer:** (3) Rs. 35

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Total profit = Rs. 350 (from Q29).
- **Step 2:** Total items = 10. Average profit =  $350 \div 10 = 35$ .
- **Step 3:** Verify: A's profit = Rs. 20, B's = Rs. 50. For 5 A, 5 B:  
 $(5 \times 20 + 5 \times 50) \div 10 = 350 \div 10 = 35$ .
- **Step 4:** Check options: Option (3) is Rs. 35, which matches.
- **Step 5:** Ensure correct profit and item count.
- **Step 6:** Option (3) is correct.

**Quick Tip**

For average profit, divide total profit by the number of items, verifying with individual profits.

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**33.** Using the same caselet from questions 29-32 (A shop sells items A and B. Item A: cost price Rs. 100, sold at 20% profit. Item B: cost price Rs. 200, sold at 25% profit. Total profit from 10 items is Rs. 350, with 5 items of A and 5 items of B sold), what is the percentage contribution of item A's profit to the total profit?

- (1) 20%
- (2) 28.57%
- (3) 33.33%
- (4) 40%

**Correct Answer:** (2) 28.57%

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** From previous questions: Item A's profit = Rs. 20 per unit, 5 units sold. Total profit from A =  $5 \times 20 = 100$ .
- **Step 2:** Total profit = Rs. 350 (given).
- **Step 3:** Percentage contribution of A's profit =  
$$\left( \frac{\text{A's profit}}{\text{Total profit}} \right) \times 100 = \left( \frac{100}{350} \right) \times 100 = \frac{10000}{350} \approx 28.57\%$$
.
- **Step 4:** Verify: Item B's profit =  $5 \times 50 = 250$ . Total profit =  $100 + 250 = 350$ . A's contribution =  $\frac{100}{350} = \frac{2}{7} \approx 0.2857 \times 100 = 28.57\%$ .
- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (2) is 28.57%, which matches.
- **Step 6:** Ensure correct profit values and division.

**Quick Tip**

To find percentage contribution, divide the part by the total and multiply by 100, verifying with other components if possible.

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**34.** Using the same caselet, if the shop sells 10 more items (5 additional A and 5 additional B) under the same profit conditions, what will be the total profit from all 20 items?

- (1) Rs. 600
- (2) Rs. 650
- (3) Rs. 700
- (4) Rs. 750

**Correct Answer:** (3) Rs. 700

**Solution:**

- **Step 1:** Original 10 items: 5 A (profit Rs. 20 each) and 5 B (profit Rs. 50 each). Total profit =  $5 \times 20 + 5 \times 50 = 100 + 250 = 350$ .
- **Step 2:** Additional 10 items: 5 A and 5 B. Profit from additional items =  $5 \times 20 + 5 \times 50 = 100 + 250 = 350$ .
- **Step 3:** Total profit for 20 items = Original profit + Additional profit =  $350 + 350 = 700$ .
- **Step 4:** Verify: Total A = 10, profit =  $10 \times 20 = 200$ . Total B = 10, profit =  $10 \times 50 = 500$ . Total =  $200 + 500 = 700$ .

- **Step 5:** Check options: Option (3) is Rs. 700, which matches.

- **Step 6:** Ensure correct quantities and profit rates.

#### Quick Tip

For scaled-up quantities, calculate profit for additional units using the same rates and sum with the original profit.

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